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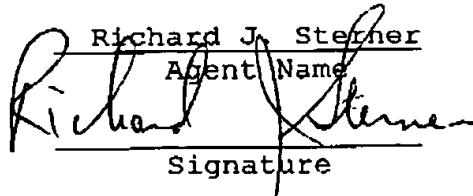
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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant
 Amendment mailed October 27, 2003. Entry of the revised
 amendment following is respectfully requested.